

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method operative to automatically generate an index for a document, the method comprising:

determining a sub-section delimiter definition including at least one delimiter characteristic, wherein determining a sub-section delimiter comprises a user indicating at least one of a font size, a font style, a text string, a text location description, and a specific point coordinate within the document or wherein determining a sub-section delimiter comprises a user placing a predetermined machine-readable symbol representing a demarcation point on a printed version of the document as the sub-section delimiter;

~~searching the document to find occurrences of items corresponding to the defined sub-section delimiters~~
scanning a printed version of the document to generate scan data;

performing optical character recognition functions on the scan data to generate an electronic version of the document;

searching the electronic version of the document for one of characters and objects corresponding to the defined sub-section delimiter; and,

generating the index for the document with all found items corresponding to the sub-section delimiter occurrences.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method operative to automatically generate an index for a document of claim 2 further comprising:

displaying the created index;
checking that the displayed index is correct; and,
correcting the index.

7. (Previously Presented) A method operative to automatically generate an index for a document, the method comprising:

determining a sub-section delimiter definition including at least one delimiter characteristic, wherein determining a sub-section delimiter definition comprises selecting an exemplary sub-section title, performing one of document recognition and optical character recognition on the selected exemplary sub-section title to determine at least one recognized property, and using the at least one recognized property of the exemplary sub-section title as a sub-section delimiter definition;

searching the document to find occurrences of items corresponding to the defined sub-section delimiter; and,

generating the index for the document with found items corresponding to the sub-section delimiter occurrences.

8. (Previously Presented) The method operative to automatically generate an index for a document of claim 7 wherein selecting an exemplary sub-section title comprises:

displaying a plurality of document pages on a user interface;
selecting at least one demarcation point on at least one of the plurality of pages ;
and,
using the at least one demarcation point as the defined sub-section delimiter.

9-30. (Canceled)